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Equity and Criminal Justice, Emergency Services, & Law Enforcement Grant Resource Guide

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About This Guide

This **Equity and Criminal Justice, Emergency Services, & Law Enforcement Grant Resource Guide** is intended to be used in conjunction with our more general **Grant Resource Guide**, which contains information about identifying and applying for federal grants. Each year, 26 federal agencies award federal grants to support community initiatives, research, infrastructure programs, and public interest projects, all relevant to the work and/or goals of that agency. Grants are awarded on a competitive basis or distributed under a formula. The majority of federal grant recipients are state and local government agencies who then distribute funds to smaller entities. The **Grant Resource Guide** includes the following topic areas:

- What is a Federal Grant?
- Finding Grant Opportunities
- Determining Eligibility
- Applying for Grants
- Awarding Grants: The Process
- Additional Resources
- Letters of Support

This **Equity and Criminal Justice, Emergency Services, & Law Enforcement Grant Resource** provides information about federal agencies which offer grants in this field, as well as examples of grants currently offered.

For more information about the grant process, to discuss a letter of support, or for any other questions, please contact Shawn Meredith at Shawn.Meredith@mail.house.gov.

Please note: Funding information and application deadlines are subject to change. Potential applicants should regularly check grants.gov and the funding agency's grants webpage for the most up-to-date information.

Federal Agencies and Available Grants

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

HHS is the largest grant-making agency in the US. Most HHS grants are provided directly to states, territories, tribes, and educational and community organizations, then given to people and organizations who are eligible to receive funding.

For more information about HHS grants, please visit the HHS page on [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) hhs.gov/grants/grants/index.html, or minorityhealth.hhs.gov/

Addressing Racial and Ethnic Disparities to Improve Health Outcomes

Current Grants.gov close date: August 23, 2021

The Office of Minority Health is offering funding to support state and local collaborative teams in implementing a methodological framework and strategies for assessing and addressing structural racism in health policies, developed through a complementary policy academy initiative. In particular, awardees will: Obtain governmental and public buy-in for engaging in this policy collaborative endeavor; Create a multi-sector team (e.g., comprised of leadership from the governor's/mayor's office and health, behavioral health, child welfare, justice, education, commerce, community service and other agencies, and from community organizations); Conduct a review of existing policies to identify the areas primed for a structural racism assessment; Develop or revise a policy (or policies) to address structural racism and improve health outcomes; Implement the new/revised policy and evaluate its impact on health outcomes for racial and ethnic minorities within their jurisdiction; and Create and implement strategies to communicate, sustain and spread policies resulting in improved health outcomes for racial and ethnic minorities.

Please click [here](#) for more information

Promoting Resilience and Mental Health Among Health Professional Workforce (PRMHW)

Current Grants.gov close date: August 30, 2021

The purpose of this program is to provide support to entities providing health care, health care providers associations, and Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), taking into consideration the needs of rural and medically underserved communities, to establish, enhance, or expand evidence informed or evidenced-based programs or protocols to promote resilience, mental health, and wellness among their providers, other personnel, and members, collectively known as the "Health Workforce."

Please click [here](#) for more information

Health and Public Safety Workforce Resiliency Training Program

Current Grants.gov close date: August 30, 2021

The purpose of this program is to plan, develop, operate or participate in health professions and nursing training activities using evidence-based or evidence-informed strategies, to reduce and address burnout, suicide, mental health conditions and substance use disorders and promote resiliency among health care students, residents, professionals, paraprofessionals, trainees, public safety officers, and employers of such individuals, collectively known as the “Health Workforce,” in rural and underserved communities.

Please click [here](#) for more information

U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)

DOJ offers funding opportunities to support law enforcement and public safety activities in state, local, and tribal jurisdictions; to assist victims of crime; to provide training and technical assistance; to conduct research; and to implement programs that improve the criminal, civil, and juvenile justice systems.

For more information about DOJ grants, please visit the DOJ page on [grants.gov](#) or [justice.gov/grants](#)

Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program - Local Solicitation

Current Grants.gov close date: July 26, 2021

The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program is the primary provider of federal criminal justice funding to states and units of local government. BJA will award JAG Program funds to eligible units of local government as described in this FY 2021 JAG Program Local Solicitation.

Please click [here](#) for more information

Preventing School Violence: BJA's STOP School Violence Program

Current Grants.gov close date: August 2, 2021

The Student, Teachers, and Officers Preventing School Violence Act of 2018 (or STOP School Violence Act) describes the following for K-12 school safety projects: Training to prevent school violence, including training for local law enforcement officers, school personnel, and students. The development and operation of anonymous reporting systems for threats of school violence, including mobile telephone applications, hotlines, and websites. The development and deployment of— Multidisciplinary intervention and threat assessment teams that, when necessary, evaluate serious risks of violence in schools and include coordination with law enforcement agencies, behavioral health specialists, community stakeholders, and school personnel. Specialized training for school officials in responding to student mental health crises, including training on when and how to involve mental health professionals. Support for any other measure that, in the determination of the BJA Director, may provide a significant improvement in training, threat assessments and reporting, and violence prevention. NOTE:

Under the STOP School Violence Act, BJA funds cannot be used for the purchase of target-hardening equipment to secure schools such as cameras, security systems, fencing, locks, etc. In addition, these funds cannot be used to pay for armed security officers or school resource officers. Applicants interested in funding for target hardening should see the COPS School Violence Prevention Program (SVPP). Duplicate applications should not be submitted to both BJA and COPS.

Please click [here](#) for more information

Corrections Podcast Series

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Given the growing popularity of podcasts, they have been used by various organizations to meet a variety of goals, including business development, mentoring, and education. Several corrections-specific government agencies, including the DC Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency, the Michigan Department of Corrections, and the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections have used podcasts in various ways to educate their many stakeholders and stay connected to staff. The National Institute of Corrections aims to develop a podcast that meets the corrections-specific information needs of state and local governments and their stakeholders, particularly criminal justice agencies responsible for the management and/or supervision of adult correctional populations. The podcast is meant to be evergreen, delivering interesting, informative audio content that can be listened to and referenced multiple times throughout a person's professional career or involvement with the criminal justice system.

Please click [here](#) for more information

Additional Resources

Grants.gov Questions?

Contact the Grants.gov Support Center at 1-800-518-4726 (TTY: 301-240-6310), via [email](#), or visit the [Grants.gov](#) website.

Beta.SAM

beta.SAM has replaced the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CDFA). It lists all federal grant opportunities and breaks them down by agency and identifier numbers. Like Grants.gov, you can view both ongoing and past grants. You cannot apply for federal grants via beta.SAM; the only place to apply for federal grants is Grants.gov

For more information, please visit: [beta.sam.gov/](#)

Congressional Research Service (CRS)

CRS contains guides to help grant applicants understand and complete their applications. These guides include:

- How to Develop and Write a Grant Proposal
- Resources for Grantseekers
- Federal Grants-in-Aid Administration: A Primer
- Community Development Block Grants and Related Programs: A Primer

For more information, please visit: crs.gov/

A-Z Index of U.S. Departments and Agencies

To better develop a grant proposal, search a department or agency's Home Page to learn more about its programs and objectives.

For more information, please visit: usa.gov/federal-agencies/a

Government Benefits, Grants, and Loans

Includes contracting with the U.S. government, international trade and exporting, and small business. See also financial assistance links at the Small Business Administration website:

sba.gov/funding-programs/grants

For more information, please visit: usa.gov/benefits-grants-loans

Student Aid (via Dept. of Education)

Information on funding education beyond high school, including grants, loans, and work-study assistance to qualified students.

For more information, please visit: studentaid.ed.gov/sa/

Benefits.gov (via Dept. of Labor)

Includes information on over 1,000 government assistance programs, and how to apply. Covers direct payment, loan, insurance, training, or other services.

For more information, please visit: benefits.gov/

FTC Consumer Alert (via Federal Trade Commission)

The FTC Consumer Alert warns consumers to beware of paying "processing fees" for information that is available free to the public. Ads claiming federal grants are available for home repairs, home business, unpaid bills, or other personal expenses are often a scam.

For more information, please visit: ftc.gov/bcp/edu/pubs/consumer/alerts/alt134.shtm

OMB Grants Management Web Site (via Office of Management and Budget)

OMB establishes government-wide grants management policies and guidelines through circulars and common rules. OMB Circulars are cited in *Catalog* program descriptions and may be printed out full text.

For more information, please visit: whitehouse.gov/omb/information-for-agencies/circulars/

Representative Spanberger's Office

If your organization needs our office's assistance or would like to request a letter of support for your grant proposal, please contact our Grants Coordinator, Shawn Meredith, at shawn.meredith@mail.house.gov.